

HOUSE BILL 658  
By McDonald

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 2  
and Title 11, Chapter 3, relative to park planning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "State Parks  
Management and Preservation Act of 2003".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-2-106, is amended by making the  
existing section subsection (a) and creating a new subsection (b) as follows:

(b) The commission shall study the mechanisms and sources for funding the  
state parks system and make recommendations to the general assembly and the  
commissioner of environment and conservation for any changes in the funding  
mechanism or for new sources of funds.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-3-120, is amended by deleting the  
existing subsection (b) and creating a new subsection (b) as follows:

(b)

(1) The master plan shall be for a ten-year period and be based upon  
goals and objectives and a detailed needs analysis for parks and for specific  
facilities. The plan shall be updated every five (5) years. The department shall  
conduct public hearings after public notice has been given in accordance with

title 8, chapter 44. Public hearings shall be conducted in each of the nine (9) development districts of the state regarding components of the master plan, its update each five (5) years, and any major interim revisions to the master plan. The plan shall also be submitted to any citizen or environmental group that requests the plan for review and comment prior to the plan's submission to its applicable committees.

(2) The department shall prepare a master plan for each state park that considers the needs outlined in the state master plan, preservation of the natural and scenic resources of the park, maintenance of facilities, development of new facilities, and the acquisition of additional land areas or protective borders.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.